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Amdt. Dated 04/28/2006  
Reply to Office action of January 6, 2006

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This is in response to an Office action dated 01/06/2006.

**Status**

Claims 6-20 are pending

Claims 6-14 and 17-20 are rejected

Claims 15 and 16 are objected

**Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103**

Claims 13 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deck (US 4,287,924, of record). Claim 13 is cancelled and Claim 20 is now dependent upon base claim 15 which was objected to and is now amended to be allowable. Therefore this rejection is moot.

Claims 6-9, 11, 12, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deck and further in view of Shinto (JP 6-340209, newly cited).

Claims 6, 7, 11 and 12 have been cancelled and claims 8, 9, 18 and 19 are now dependent upon base claim 15 which was objected to and is now amended to be allowable. Therefore this rejection is moot.

Claims 6, 7, 10, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mezzanotte and further in view of Shinto.

Claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled and claims 10 and 18 are now dependent upon base claim 15 which was objected to and is now amended to be allowable. Therefore this rejection is moot.

Claims 14 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mezzanotte and further in view of Hoshino (US 3,954,131, of record), Kono (JP 1-297306, of record), and Verdier (US 3,464,477, of record).

Claims 14 has been cancelled and claim 17 is now dependent upon base claim 15 which was

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objected to and is now amended to be allowable. Therefore this rejection is moot.

Claims 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is noted that if applicant amends claim 13 to include claim 14 and either of the indicated allowable claims, a double patenting rejection would be applicable since the line of demarcation set forth in the original restriction requirement in the parent application would not be maintained.

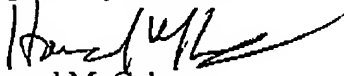
Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore claims 15 and 16 are allowable. A Terminal Disclaimer to obviate a Double Patenting Rejection over a "prior patent" is attached.

#### Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If any matter still needs to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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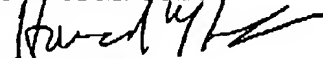
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